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Beginning with the next number of the CHRONICLE its editorial and local management will be in the hands of Mr. T. O. Hall, an experienced journalist whose writings, although without signature or nom de plume, have been read for years in some of the leading dailies of the country. I most cheerfully commend Mr. Hall to the public of Clarksville and the surrounding country, as I have every assurance that his efforts will always be to please the closest readers. He is fully empowered to act in all business capacities for the paper, and the job printing and book-binding department of the CHRONICLE.

W. P. TITUS.

CAPITALISTS owning large interests in the United States will feel relieved to learn that Jay Gould has gone to Europe.

REV. H. M. KECK, a Methodist preacher of Xenia, Ohio, has been found guilty by a church trial committee of stealing a flat iron.

LONDON has a prodigy in the person of Joseph Hoffman, a ten year old boy, who plays wonderfully on the piano. He is a musical genius of the highest order.

HENRY M. STANLEY, African explorer, the man like the cat with nine lives, is not dead but has turned up again, having gone 150 miles higher up the Aruwihiri river.

Is estimating the probability of a satisfactory and permanent settlement of the fisheries question between the United States and England, it should be borne in mind that Mr. Chamberlain, the British commissioner, has only been sent here into a sort of an honorable exile, and simply to get rid of him at home.

If we believed like the Avalanches and the American that the utterances and conduct of Henry Jackson, Jeff Davis and others, at the Georgia State fair at Macon, were ever so injudicious and out of taste, we would put our right hand in the fire before we would make our editorial pen say so. It fact, we think very far too many apologies have been made to northern fanaticism for the course, the history, and the natural lingering devotion of the southern people for the living and dead heroes of a cause, though lost, still dear to every true southern heart. They are not appreciated, and do no good. But we will place Jeff Davis, in his dotage, if you please, shedding tears over the flag that represented a cause so dear to the noble, pure, patriotic old man's heart, and Mrs. Davis tearing a payment of the sacred emblem and placing it in her bosom, we say we will place those by the side of the ranting, intensely loyal, freedom shrieking, howling Dervishes of the north, with one hand aloft of the stars and stripes and the other trying to steal into the national treasury up to the elbow, or cursing or denouncing as a "whipped Spaniel," the man we dared to interpose a manly veto, between such venal patriots and their shrieking howling raid upon the surplus in the treasury. We are willing for any candid man to make the comparison, "to look upon this picture and then upon that." Again we say we have no apologies to make, and don't think the circumstances call for any. If the question is settled as to one side it should be settled as to the other.

THE TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.

The absorption of almost the entire telegraphing business of this country by Jay Gould has already resulted in telegraph rates being about doubled. This system is now in the hands of a wealthy corporation, and amounts to a gigantic monopoly. If the people of these United States are not relieved of this imposition, by some sort of competition, which, under the existing circumstances, seems impossible there is only one other remedy, and that is for the government to establish lines and begin substituting the telegraph for the postal system. If it be argued that this would destroy millions of dollars worth of property, it could be replied that the owners of this property bought it on speculation, and for the express purpose of creating a monopoly with the view of extorting, as they are now doing, most unconscionable rates from the public. Therefore they deserve very little consideration at its hands.

INSIDE FACTS.

GARNERED HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE.

A Poem to the Afflicted—The Low Price of Beef—The Whispering Society—A St. Louis Girl—Etc.

As I have positive information that there are twenty-four victims to matrimonial persuasions on the social hook of Clarksville for this winter, I have taken time by the forelock and now dedicate the following poem to these misery-seeking people:

"When the babe begins to cry,
And its papa heaves a sigh,
Then he understands just why
He sighs, 'Root hog or die!'"

"When the babe begins to cry,
And its mouth gets sour and wry,
Then its ma will shut her eye
And sing, 'Ho! w! that for wigh!'"

There was a genuine St. Louis girl in town this week. She tried every way to keep me from identifying her, but she was going over Gupion's hill ahead of me and I saw the fragments of may bugs hanging to her shoes. Her feet were so large that she could not miss the helpless insects that happened to be on the sidewalks, and grasshoppers were particularly unfortunate as she passed by. I always sympathize with St. Louis girls when they mingle with our home young ladies, for I know they are ashamed of their feet.

The religious revivals that have been going on in Clarksville in opposition to the dancing school failed to materialize as some of the enthusiasts hoped they would. I expect that Christmas is a little too close for the boys and girls to take much stock in religion. The preachers could make better records about the 10th of next January because of the fact that the young men will all be suffering with swelled heads and sorry because they had been a little boisterous during the holidays. It's always a good time to get people in the religious mood when they are on the stool of repentance.

Now that the heavy frosty mornings have placed the pestiferous fly in his little bed for the winter, the good people of the country will be compelled to put up with hair in the butter. This is an advantage for consumers of the product of the creamery from the fact that hairs are generally longer than flies and are found easier. Besides hairs are variegated, some being long, slick and black, some red, and some are short and kinky, but the eater can take choice. So far as I am concerned I use the butter knife skillfully by slicing around the hairs and leaving them in the butter. Buckwheat cakes will soon come in fashion and then butter will rapidly disappear unless the people become too fastidious to eat it for fear of coming in contact with an assorted bunch of hair.

One of the members of the Clarksville Whispering Society calls me an "old grizzly eaves dropper," because she evidently thought I should have been saying my prayers instead of listening to what the Association had to report at a recent church service. Now, I can stand almost any name that people want to call me, but I am determined not to be interrupted in my religious devotions by a party of giddy, bewitching young girls behind me whispering all the time. I am on to these girls racket and am going to tell on them every time they whisper in church. Another thing: I heard two members of this Association say they were going to flirt their old sweethearts, and if any more messages about my being a grizzly old eaves dropper are reported, I am going to tell these young men about the plot against them.

The extreme low price of fresh beef in the Clarksville markets for the past two weeks has been a blessing to consumers but death to farmers and butchers. The poor cows that have been slaughtered had no grass to eat and their owners declined to give them corn, consequently they were murdered because they were hungry. I got hold of a piece of this cheap beef the other day and nailed one end of it to a telephone post and took other end in my mouth and walked clear around a square before the tough old stuff broke. When it did give way the force was so great that it knocked about twenty ladies down and busted two hogsheads of tobacco that was on a wagon in the street. Cheap beef can be utilized in several ways: You can make soup of it, then slice it into steak, then make hash of it, and last, but not by any means least, you can make gumbo jam of it, then, if nobody about the house eats it, you can poison dogs with it.

A Very Important Decision.

The Supreme court of Tennessee at Knoxville have decided that, under the tipping laws of this State, a citizen manufacturing wine from grapes grown on his own land in the State, has no right to sell it without license in a smaller quantity than a quart, or in a larger quantity than a quart, to be drunk on the premises, notwithstanding Article 12, Sec. 30 of the Constitution of Tennessee which provides: "no article manufactured of the produce of this State, shall be taxed otherwise than to pay inspection fees."

The opinion of the court was delivered by Judge Lorton under an able and elaborate analysis of the case, discussing the question fully and showing that it would amount to a virtual abrogation of the tipping law of the State to permit the tipping without license of intoxicants manufactured of the grain, fruits and others produce of the State, and that the tax in this sort of a case is laid by the State upon the privilege, and not upon the article taxed, the Legislature having, under the principle distinctly recognized in the case of Mayor and Alderman of Columbia vs. Guest & Head 414; Jenkins vs. Ewin 7 Heisk, 456, expressly declared the tipping of spirituous or vituous liquors a privilege; Rev Act of 1885, to which there are only two exceptions: that of manufacturer who sells to be sold again, and that of druggists selling wine for sacramental purposes, and the opinion decides that this sort of selling does not come under either of the exceptions, because the wine or other spirituous liquors are not sold either to be sold again or for sacramental purposes.

A Liberal Burglar.

Mr. R. B. Hughes of Saddle Creek, Tenn., had his extensive hardware and grocery house broken open on last Saturday night and his safe rifled. Fortunately he had deposited all of his money in a Springfield bank except \$5.00 which was in the safe. The liberal and munificent robber, thinking no doubt, that this was rather a small amount of capital with which to run such a large establishment took the \$5.00, but left the thirty-five quarters in its stead, thinking he would need change. This was right. It is a bad rule that won't work both ways. That their must have had some sense of fairness about him after all. Rob the rich and help the needy seems to have been his motto.

A large and splendid stock of hanging lamps in all sizes, shapes and prices is on hand at Hendricks', Franklin street.

An Amateur Walking Match.

Mr. Rufus Smith and Capt. Searcy, who attended the fair on the Southside, in the neighborhood of Corbendale, a few days ago, accompanied by Mr. Morris Stratton, walked from the fair grounds to Corbendale, and are said to have eclipsed the celebrated Weston in their hurry to avoid being left. They made a mile and a half in incredibly short time, (the precise record is not furnished by Mr. Stratton), the two former gentlemen coming off second best in the match, on account of Mr. Smith having on one of his feet, one of those painful excrescences resulting from wearing tight shoes, and Prof. Searcy not making any particular pretensions as a "walkist" on a long stretch. On all hands, it is conceded by the spectators that these gentlemen covered themselves with imperishable honor as amateur pedestrians.

A full line of specialties in dress goods has just arrived at Howerton & Macrae's, and every lady in Clarksville is expected to investigate.

Tobacco Board of Trade.

The regular annual meeting of the Tobacco Board of Trade, for the election of officers and such other business as may come before it, will be held on Monday next, the 7th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m. A full attendance is requested. M. H. CLARK, Sec'y.

J. F. BELL has just received a large stock of Gents fine \$3.00 shoes—The best in the market. tf.

A rumor is upon the streets that the Ohio Valley Railroad will soon make a proposition to the citizens of Clarksville to bring their road to this place. We refrain from saying anything more on the subject until we learn the nature of their project. We would like to see another road built to this place by the private enterprise of its citizens, but we are unalterably opposed to taxing the county or city any further to raise a subsidy to build a railroad.

E. GLICK's bargain counters are complete, call and see them, they will save you money.

UP TO THE HILT.

Our City Fathers Send Their Swords,

And Say to the People: "Here We put the Law and it Must be Obeyed."

Big Fire in the City Hall—The Bonded Debt—School Matters—Improving the Fire Apparatus—Information for Everybody.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Mayor and Alderman was held at the City Hall Thursday night, those present being His Honor Mayor Smith and Messrs. Beach, Coulter, Smith, Gilbert, Young and Kleeman. The minutes of the September meeting were read and approved and the city's expense account for that month amounted to \$3,021.46. Numerous small accounts against the city were presented, more of which were accepted, but those unapproved by the auditing committee were held over for investigation.

Dr. Beach and other members of Finance Committee destroyed \$22,211.23 of the city's bonds that had been paid off. This extensive fire occurred in the City Hall and no alarm was turned in.

The following bills were approval and ordered paid:

Charles & Daniel Attorney's fee, \$250.00
R. M. Burney Attorney's fee, 100.00
Clarksville Water Co., 105.32
Clarksville Water Co., 7.50
James McDonald, 10.00
Electric Light Co., 100.00
Owen & Moore, 1.10
Clarksville Lumber Co., 11.70
Montgomery County, 70.30
Alward & Jarrell, 11.50
Mrs. Smith, 1.40
Mrs. Newberry, 1.50
Keesee & Northington, 1.50

A gas bill dating back some months together with some other unexplained accounts were referred for investigation. The bonded indebtedness of the city was shown to be \$114,300.

The Street Committee reported the completion of several much needed repairs, and that other streets were now being vigorously attended to.

The Finance Committee made a report deciding that the city Recorder had no right to retain 5 per cent. commission on fines assessed by him.

Dr. Beach and Recorder Bailey then explained themselves as to their relative positions regarding the question, after which the report was adopted.

Mr. Young then moved that the Recorder be not required to make good the few commissions thus erroneously assessed. Adopted.

The committee on Fire department submitted the following which was adopted:

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen:

Your Fire Committee would respectfully report the fire apparatus belonging to the city in good condition except the Hook and ladder trucks. In reference to the needs of this outfit, your committee has had correspondence with manufacturers of supplies, and although the committee had your instructions to buy what was necessary, felt impelled to do so without first submitting our conclusion to you. Our present trucks will only carry a 40 foot ladder. Buildings are being erected over 50 feet high, making a 40 foot ladder useless on these. The improved extension ladders now being used by fire departments generally, can be carried on the trucks, and will reach most of the taller buildings. We would recommend the purchase of one of these under the guarantee furnished by the manufacturers. We find on investigation that to fully equip the trucks with necessary apparatus will require an outlay of about \$200 as follows:

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| One 50 foot extension ladder..... | \$125.00 |
| One 24 foot single ladder..... | 15.00 |
| One 24 foot single ladder..... | 15.00 |
| One down fire bucket..... | 24.00 |
| Two axes and holders..... | 5.00 |
| Two crow bars..... | 5.00 |
| Five lanterns..... | 4.00 |
| Sanding rods, etc., say..... | 4.00 |
| Total..... | 208.00 |

Your committee have been unable to get any offer for old trucks, with a view to selling these and buying the improved trucks with rollers upon which the ladders rest, and by so doing saving the expense of carrying them without taking the whole lot of trucks. We find that the present trucks can be remodeled and have the rollers put on at a cost of \$80, making the whole cost about \$288 with freight on goods. With all these, the apparatus will be on a first-class footing for service, and we would ask for an appropriation to that amount.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. SMITH, Ch'n.

The committee on Schools made the following report which was adopted by a vote of 4 to 2:

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

Your School Committee would respectfully report that the insurance on school buildings and fixtures has been renewed. Your committee have not been able to carry out instruction of the Board in reference to plans and details of proposed addition to colored public school house. Although promised by several builders to have their plans and bid in by to-day, it was not done. The pressure for better accommodation there is so great that the Board of Education urge upon your committee the necessity of this building now, and we would ask that the appropriation of \$600 heretofore made be increased to \$800, as we believe the necessary room can be built for this sum. The schools are, so far as we can judge, being carried on as well as they possibly can be under the present crowded condition.

We beg to submit, as part of this report, the accompanying report of Prof. Graham made to the Board of Education, as to numbers, attendance, etc., and would call the attention of your honorable body to his remarks as to Howell School.

Your committee would suggest that some steps be taken to improve the grounds of the Howell School at a small outlay for grading and preparing the grounds for trees, which which we feel assured the pupils would furnish and set out. The grounds could be made much more attractive.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. SMITH, Ch'n.
H. E. BEACH.

Chairman Smith then read the following excellent report for October, which is self-explanatory:

ENROLLMENT.

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| Howell school..... | 541 |
| Colored school..... | 417 |
| Total..... | 1,358 |

RELIGIOUS.

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| Howell school..... | 514 |
| Colored school..... | 569 |
| Total..... | 1,083 |

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ATTENDING.

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| Howell school..... | 470 |
| Colored school..... | 527 |
| Total..... | 1,396 |
| Per cent. of attendance..... | 94 |
| Per cent. of tardies..... | 9 |

The following exhibit will be interesting to the Board of Education and to patrons and friends of the Howell School, as it will enable them to appreciate the needs of that building:

THIRD FLOOR.

Mrs. Lou Lovell, teacher, 21 pupils sixth grade, 18 pupils fifth grade; Miss Bailey, 18 pupils sixth grade, 32 seventh grade; Miss Hain Lovell, 20 in "A" class, eighth grade, 19 in "B" class, eighth grade; Total number in hall, 128; under control of Miss Lou Lovell.

SECOND FLOOR.

Mrs. Shackelford, 34 pupils "B" class, fourth grade, 18 pupils fifth grade; Miss Bailey, 30 in "B" class, second grade; Miss Major, 27 in "C" class, second grade, 38 in "A" class, first grade; Miss Rogers, 35 in "B" class, first grade, 33 in "C" class, first grade. Total number in hall, 190; under the management of Mrs. Shackelford.

FIRST FLOOR.

Miss Foster, 31 in "B" class, third grade, 30 in "A" class, second grade; Miss Major, 27 in "C" class, second grade, 38 in "A" class, first grade; Miss Rogers, 35 in "B" class, first grade, 33 in "C" class, first grade. Total number in hall, 230; in charge of Miss Foster.

SUMMARY.

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| Third floor..... | 123 |
| Second floor..... | 191 |
| First floor..... | 230 |
| Total..... | 544 |

No number of seats in the building is 525, and no room to place any more. This deprives some children of desks. A close inspection of the above exhibit will satisfy any one that the teaching force of the school should be increased by two teachers. But this is now impracticable, as the recitation rooms are all occupied.

J. W. GRAHAM.

The following persons asked for releases, on property alleged to have been erroneously assessed by the city assessors: James Henratty \$500 each on his saloon, the Stratton store and his residence. Granted on all except the residence. Chas. Anglen \$2,000 on residence, reduced to \$1,000; Allan Gilmour on tobacco factory \$1,000 not granted; Mrs. E. Bailey's lot \$100, granted; W. F. Coulter residence on Franklin street \$500 not granted; Nicholas Roach's application for release was referred to release committee; John Hannehans request for release on residence was rejected; John Adams asked for release on his father's personality granted; Lacy Lockert asked for release on personality of Mrs. Ellen Smith, granted. He also asked that Mrs. Smith be not compelled to pave in front of her property; and explained that parties next should also pay their property. Referred to street committee.

Mrs. Howerton was released from paying a \$20 fine, against her son Thomas.

Motions to release Edward Turnley and Owen & Moore of fines assessed for not displaying danger signals in front of street obstructions at night, were lost.

Mr. M. H. Clark called on the Board and explained why the city should repair a large hole in front of M. H. Clark & Bro. office. He was victorious and the street committee was empowered with authority to have the repairs made. Mr. Clark in thanking the Board for its commendable action said he would gladly furnish a basket of champagne to the members of the Board if they would march down and up his hill on the first dark night that comes. The proposition was accepted.

Several sidewalk ordinances were passed for improving pavements in various parts of the city.

The authorities of the Christian church were notified that they must release about fifteen inches of the sidewalk on the Madison street front of their church building. The release will be made at once.

Mr. G. B. Wilson was re-elected a sinking fund commissioner. At the wee small hour of eleven o'clock the Board adjourned.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Z. T. Akin to M. J. Kirkley, lot in Twelfth dist.; \$2250.

S. C. James to Archie Hoggie, 125 acres in district No. 17; \$1000.

M. T. Keel to Marion Keel, one-half of 54 acres in district No. 5; \$500.

Rufus A. Lyle to John Morrison, 51 acres in district No. 16; \$1800.

R. A. Lyle to J. R. and R. B. Edmondson, 98 acres in district No. 17; \$1807.

J. M. Rogers to R. A. Lyle, 258 acres in district No. 12; \$6978.

Polk G. Johnson to M. C. Northington, lot in district No. 12; \$2249.

J. J. West Ex'r and others to W. G. Smith, 133 acres in district No. 11; \$825.

J. J. West Ex'r and others to J. D. Brawner, 67 acres in district No. 11; \$234.

Jerry Brunty and others to D. H. Hambugh, 14 acres in district No. 3; \$600.

Mathew Randle to Edmund Adams, 53 acres in district No. 17; \$300.

J. S. Glenn to Mrs. Lizzie C. Elliott, lot in district No. 12; \$1500.

Jao. B. Eldin to J. L. Shannon 31 acres in district No. 20; \$500.

J. L. Shannon and others to J. B. Eldin, 120 acres in district No. 20; \$600.

R. T. Rushing Adam to J. H. Marable, 43 acres in district No. 20; \$325.

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Howerton & Macrae.

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JOHN A. TURNER, a prominent citizen of Owingsville, Ky., dropped dead in his yard, Oct. 28, at 12 o'clock.

Hendricks

Has an elegant assortment of Dresden and Carlsbad china and novelties, all the prettiest to be found anywhere. Call and see them.

Horriestown Herald: "Water a medicine" read a Kentucky politician in a Sanitary Journal. "Next some blame fool will be advocating water as a beverage."

Chestnuts are said to be abundant everywhere this season. We judge so from the contents of some of the newspapers.

WHILE it must be conceded on the one hand that a government official has a perfect right if he chooses, as an American citizen, freely and boldly to express his political opinions, on the other, it is equally clear, that the president has a right "by and with the advice and consent of the Senate," or otherwise, to appoint him or let him alone, or to discharge him, if he chooses, or should it become necessary, to secure harmony in his administration. If it be true that the doctrine that "to the victors belong the spoils" is a dangerous fallacy, it is equally true that the president is under no legal or moral obligation to retain any man in office. Indiscriminate appointment of partisan friends as a reward for partisan services, is a vicious practice, but there is no common sense in saying that a president may not, and should not select those having eminent fitness and qualifications for the positions to be filled from his party friends.

THE Minneapolis blatherskite who "indicted" the article abusing the President's wife is being very extensively, but not very complementarily advertised by the American newspapers, irrespective of past party affiliations, color or previous condition of servitude. But that trifling circumstance "does not seem to phase" him. He gories in his infancy.